THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), it is proposed to set up 'Child Protection Society' at the district level in the States/UTs. The scheme has not been approved by the competent authority so far.

(b) Monitoring is an integral part of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme.

(c) The Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 1073.00 crore for implementation of the ICPS during the 11th Plan Period and provisions under this scheme have been made for mid-term and final evaluation of the scheme.

Problem of malnutrition and anaemia

2306. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of malnutrition/anaemia scenario of children in India particularly in Rajasthan, age group-wise and how it compares with other countries;

(b) the funds provided under ICDS programme to overcome malnutrition/anaemia problem of children in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that percentage of malnourished/anaemic children is not coming down; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for bringing down the percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per National Family Health Survey-III (2005-2006) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 42.5% children under the age group of 5 years are underweight by following WHO Growth standards. However, malnutrition for under 5 children in Rajasthan is 39.9%. The national percentage of anaemia for under 5 children is 69.5% whereas it is 69.71 for Rajasthan.

As per Report of State of the Worlds Children, 2008 brought out by UNICEF for the years 2000-2006 the position of moderate and severe under weight children below 5 years in the neighboring countries is as follows:-

Sl.No.	Country	Percentage
1.	Pakistan	38%
2.	Bangladesh	48%
3.	Sri Lanka	29%
4.	Nepal	39%

(b) The funds released by the Government of India to the State of Rajasthan, during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 for Supplementary Nutrition are given as under:-

Sl.No.	Year	Supplementary Nutrition (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	2005-06	5534.27
2.	2006-07	8571.57
3.	2007-08	11067.07

(c) No, Sir. As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS II the percentage of undernourished children below 3 years was 43% which has come down to 40% as per NFHS-III.

(d) The Government of India is implementing a number of schemes to deal with the problem of malnutrition among children in the country as indicated in the statement.

Statement

Schemes and Programmes being implemented by various Ministries to tackle the problem of malnutrition among the population

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(ii) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme) [Department of School Education and Literacy];

(iii) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(iv) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(v) Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

(vi) Prime Minister's initiative:

PMO has constituted a National Council of India's Nutrition Challenges for Policy Directions, Review and Effective Coordination between Ministries so as to address the country's nutrition challenge.

(vii) Department of Food and Public Distribution has three programmes namely;

Targeted Public Distribution System, Antodaya Anna Yojana, Annapurna Scheme.

(viii) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has two programmes namely; Increased Food Production, Horticulture Interventions

(ix) Ministry of Rural Development has two schemes namely, National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme, Swajaldhara